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The healing of physical illnesses is only one bit of this great Mission. Indeed, this bit will be done more successfully by those whose hearts and lives are engaged in the big and whole mission of Christ. It is not possible to pick out one part without suffering an incapacitating loss of vision and faith. The mission of Jesus Christ is nothing less than the healing and conquest of the whole world.

No disciple of the Master is a true follower who fails to engage in the work of prayer. Jesus says "Follow Me," and we are not following Him unless we are obeying the Gospel in every particular.

These are days of searching honesty, and the old standards which accommodated the Gospel of Jesus Christ to human slackness and infirmity of will are being swept away. In other words, our faith must be a photograph of the original Gospel.

Prayer is ever ascending and ever increasing throughout the world to-day but nevertheless there is too little corporate prayer, too little of the united forces of prayer which storm and besiege the strongholds of evil, selfishness, unrighteousness and disease. This booklet is intended to repair this serious defect in our work and witness for Christ.

Prayer must be unceasing until the triumph of the love of God is established. If we are to be used by God in this great adventure our own lives must be full of His love. There is no substitute for the love of

God. Considerably more than half the world does not believe in the love of God. It tells us that nature is red in tooth and claw, and that man is red in tooth and claw, greedy, avaricious, jealous, fearful. The world will never believe in the love of God until it sees His love. The creeds of religion will never convert the world. Only lives in which the love of God is incarnate will carry conviction. People do not doubt or question what they see or hear or touch. When they do not see the love of God in us their doubts are increased. We are in the midst of a five years of intensive spiritual work, and prayer must increase in power and volume until the love of God carries everything before it.

What are we doing? What can we do? Whatever we do we must remember that all our doing is nothing worth if prayer is omitted.

Prayer must be unceasing. Just as the sun gives light to this earth each day so prayer must give the light of the love of God each day. If the light of the sun

failed this earth would be in darkness, the day would be as dark as the night. If prayer fails there will be spiritual darkness and spiritual darkness is the birthplace of all evil.

Prayer must be unceasing. Nothing must be allowed to usurp its place. If prayer is displaced by other things we are not on the Lord's side.

This booklet is arranged so as to spread the work of prayer over the days of each week. Two empty pages are allowed after each day to provide space for other prayers or requests which may be added from time to time. If you have received a second copy of this booklet please pass it on to someone else who will co-operate in this spiritual work.

PREFACE.

In conjunction with the daily intercessions we keep a place for daily prayer on behalf of those sufferers whose needs are known to us and for whom we pray individually, by name.

First of all use this act of faith. Say it from the heart.

"Heavenly Father, Thou art the Sovereign Lord of my spirit, my mind, and my body, for 'the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.'

"Lord of All Life, Thou art ever breathing into me the Power and the Love of Thy Holy Spirit, so that from my soul there may shine forth the Light, the Love, and the Peace of Thy Presence.

"I thank Thee that moment by moment Thou art cleansing, strengthening, sustaining, healing and guiding me.

"What I thus freely receive I will freely give again, that my life this day may be a

channel and mirror of Thy Divine Life, for the coming of Thy Kingdom, the cleansing of all sin, and the healing of every sickness throughout the world."

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Use the following prayer on behalf of each sufferer you are asked to remember. (Mention the Christian name of the sufferer in the empty space.)

"Heavenly Father, we pray for the healing of ..... that he may receive an inflow of new life for body, mind and spirit, and be set free from all the distresses and infirmities of the mind and flesh."

Then send a prayer message from your heart to the sufferer.

". . . . . ., we are praying for you that all your troubles may be overcome in the Holy Name of Jesus; look up in simple faith and put all your trust in the sustaining love of God. He will bless and comfort you, pardon and restore you . . . . . in the Holy Name of Jesus, receive into your mind and life the virtue of Our Saviour's perfect healing. God Himself cleanse and restore you, sanctify and inspire you and give you His peace . . . . . be thou cleansed, be thou made whole! The light of Christ banish every shadow from your life. Be of good

cheer, God's love enfolds you, the love that casts out fear. Be strong, be of good courage, the Lord is thy life, the Lord is thy strength."

"Heavenly Father fill full the life of . . . . with Thy perfect love that it may overflow his heart, inspire his thoughts, and keep him in Thy holy peace. May the radiance of Thy glory shine around him, upon him and within him, and be his light always. Thine is the Kingdom and the Power. Thine be the Glory, for Jesus' sake."

PREPARATION.

The first necessity in all prayer, devotion, and intercession is the uplifting of the heart to God, abiding in the silence, contemplating the love of God, praising God for the love and compassion of Our Saviour, for the living presence of the Risen Christ. Silence does not imply an empty space. It is the necessary condition of communion with God. "Be still and know that I am God."

MONDAY.

"Glory to God in the highest: and on earth Peace, good will towards men!"

Approach unto your God, ye who aspire yet fail in courage: He will allay the trouble of your souls.

Be not dismayed at His greatness: He is your Father, and will help His children in every need.

Cast off all evil thoughts, renew your consciences in the Living Water: ask for light, and the Sun shall rise and bless you with large discernment.

Pure be your praises, and full of charity your prayers: high and holy your beginning of a new pilgrimage to the mansions of Heaven.

Let us go forth humble and resolute: then though we perish we shall conquer, and the followers of their Saviour shall be made perfect beyond the gates of death.

I behold the world under one Empire: the nations unoppressed, working out the ideal of each.

Peace shall hold them, and freedom shall govern them: and their voices shall strive in humility.

Their war shall be greater than the battles of nations: their conquests shall stretch beyond the borders of continents and centuries.

They shall prepare a dwelling place for the Most High, they shall restore a hundredfold in overflowing harvests: they shall make the desert a pasture, and the solitude of the high mountains a refreshing resort to the weary.

They shall live in simple pleasures, and honour Thee with hearty work: and false shame and pretension shall survive no more.

And every child shall grow strong in wisdom, and love shall open her treasures: and truthfulness shall stand upon the Holy ground.

And the good of each shall be for the good of all: and they that are sick shall be whole, and they that went astray shall be healed.

(*Psalms of the West.*)

SILENCE.

World Peace.

Blessed Lord, Thy Kingdom is not of this world, it is a spiritual Kindgom of righteousness and love and peace; Thy Kingdom is our Home.

We believe that the Kingdom of God is the answer to all the hatred, the suspicions and fears that divide the nations and engender strife. We pray Thee to lift up all the kingdoms of the earth into the Kingdom of God, that they may be healed; that they may know the peace of God which passeth understanding: for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

O Jesu Christ, in Thee is embodied the Hope of the World. Thou art the Leader of men. As all nations accept and follow their own appointed leaders, so may they

all be brought at last to accept and follow Thee, the One Leader, Who shall bring them universal fellowship, universal peace.

Bring all Thy followers back, dear Lord, to a living faith in Thy Presence to-day to be our Life, our Light and our Guide. Bind us all together in a living fellowship of Thy Spirit, that so we may at last bring hope and peace to the world. Endow all of us with the same Vision, fill all of us with the same Spirit; that we may be God's peacemakers, anointed by Him for the healing of the nations. We ask it for Thy sake. Amen.

Spread of Christ's Gospel. Missions. The Coming of the Kingdom.

Lord Jesus, the Mission of Thy Church is a Mission of world-wide dimensions, it is a great forward movement of the Love of God. O raise up Soldiers of Thy Cross, who will fight to the death for Thy enthronement as King of the world. Let Thy Banner of Love be unfurled and waved over the peoples of all nations and all languages, and hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the King-

dom of God, and of His Christ, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

O Blessed Saviour, Thou art the world's Lover. Instead of leading armies Thou didst comfort the oppressed and heal the sick. We pray Thee to spread this Thy Gospel of Love throughout the earth, that the world may weary of war and sin, that it may heed Thy Voice and turn to Thee, its Saviour.

Dear Lord, Thou didst look across the plains of the Holy Land and say, "The fields are white unto harvest." Thine eyes beheld in that ripe harvest a picture of urgent need and opportunity: sufferers to be healed, multitudes of sinners to be changed, hosts of enemies to be reconciled, religion to be purified, and nations to be merged into the Kingdom of God.

Grant, Lord, that we to-day may not stand idle in the market place in the face of such needs. Raise up labourers, we pray Thee, to heal the sick and to lead the nations in the path of peace.

Governments and Rulers.

We pray, dear Lord, for all to whom Thou hast given authority over the nations, especially. . . . Touch their hearts with Thy

Holy Spirit, that they may become aflame with Love. Enlighten their minds and guide all their actions, to the ultimate fulfilment of Thy Purpose for the whole world. We ask it for the sake of Thy great Love.

The Church's Ministry of Healing.

For our Warden.

Sanctify him, we pray Thee dear Lord, that nothing may hinder the working of Thy Holy Spirit through his life. Sanctify his hands, that through their touch the virtue of Thy perfect Life may visit all to whom he ministers, cleansing them, and making them every whit whole.

Blessed Master, since Thou hast no longer visible Hands to lay on the sick and the suffering; lay Thy Hands invisibly on his as he ministers in Thy Name, and continue through him Thy Mission of healing and comfort.

For all Intercessors.

Bless all the intercessors, dear Lord, especially those in other parts of the world, and unite us by Thy Spirit in a great world-fellowship of prayer.

Quicken in us the prayer of faith which can heal the sick and through which Thou

canst raise them up. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit to pray within us, that through our prayer Thy Eternal Purpose may be released into the world, and Thy power go forth to heal, redeem and regenerate the whole creation, and to bring Thy Heaven on earth.

For the Sick and Suffering.

Lord and Saviour, it is through prayer we touch Thee, and through the uplifting of our hearts. But some there are who cannot pray. Some there are with hearts too bowed down with grief to raise them to Thee. O pitiful Jesus, stoop down and touch them as we pray, and stooping, lift them up to Thee.

(*Intercessions for Individual Sufferers.*)

Thine is the Love which will not let me go:
Thine is the Love which through my soul doth flow:
Saved by Thy Love, and healed by Thy Peace:
Thy praises shall my thankful heart release.

The Grace.

FOR PRAYERS AND REQUESTS.

TUESDAY.

"All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy Name."

"For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things; Thou art God alone."

O come, let us praise the Author of Light: let us rejoice with thanksgiving before the living, eternal God.

He is present in all creation, He is the Soul of every good: glorious is He through the works of nature, glorious in the invisible world of spirits.

He poureth forth His power on man: and the nations are lifted up to behold the light of truth.

O open your gates to receive His ministers: who bring healing and gladness to life.

He regardeth all with tenderness, He ceaseth not to call them that go astray to return ere it be too late: He blesseth the faithful with harvests in a barren land.

He unfoldeth His laws to the meditation of saints: He awardeth His treasures to the labour of ardent thought.

He is very near to them that love Him, He draweth nigh unto them that tarry in darkness: and bringeth to each the ancient surprise of dawn.

He findeth out the spirit that longeth for grace: when He calleth, they that hide in caverns walk forth in the brightness of day.

Blessed is Thy patience, O God, towards the race of men: Thou winnest the wayward child by constant, untiring Love.

Thy mercy and Thy justice are one: Thou art merciful to the lowest sinner and just to the angel of light.

Thy mercy findeth all that lift up their hearts: to them that seek right, the fountains of heaven pour forth endless treasures of joy.

Precious and divine is Love: for it shall make steps to the Altar of God.

In each child of righteousness hast Thou given a redeemer: in martyrs and prophets dost Thou show forth Thy will to deliver mankind.

As the stars are many in the firmament: so shine Thy saving powers from many pure lights on earth.

Every day beholdeth the crucifixion of the holy: the sacrifice of rejoicing life to the healing of guilt and pain.

The mother giveth her life for her child's health: the father perisheth in battle or on stormy seas.

The shepherd of souls destroyeth his peace in the dark city: the healer of wounds bringeth comfort through a thousand perils.

He regardeth not his own ease: between heart-piercing lamentations he weigheth the trouble of each and beareth the groans of infirmity.

He ventureth his life in simple duty: his war knoweth no peace, his toils are uncrowned with glory.

He visiteth the poor unrewarded: upon his march is neither noise nor trumpets.

For the continual battle is unobserved of men: and the courage of gentle skill hath better reward than applause.

How many are saints in obscurity: how every generation beareth prophets and martyrs, how hallowed is earth with angel daughters of heaven!

While we live in their kindness we may rejoice: until these have left no witness we may move on a way divine.

Day by day fall unknown heroes of small causes: victims to a common task.

To-day are the righteous distrusted: in our own land is the multitude that crucifies Christ.

Let us honour our redeemers while they have breath: for they die that our souls may live.

Let us revere self-sacrifice, and welcome all truth: and the Kingdom of God shall be won.

(*Psalms of the West.*)

SILENCE.

The Renewal of the Church, and the Mission of the Spirit.

"Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again."

Dear Lord and Master, we do not marvel at Thy words to us, that we must be born again of Thy Spirit. There is no other way out, no other answer to the situation of the world to-day, the chaos of this feverish race. For ourselves, for the Church, for the whole world, this way of Thine is inescapable.

Beloved Master, we accept what Thou hast said, with all our hearts we seek this New Birth. We pray that we Thy disciples may be absolutely hallowed, consecrated, born again. And what we ask for ourselves we ask for Thy Church, that so it may become God's mighty spiritual weapon for the healing of the whole world, to Thy glory. Amen.

Dear Lord, we look out with eyes of pity upon a world that is weak and divided. We would reach out a hand of help to the world, for it cannot be healed if left to itself.

We, too, are weak and divided, Lord. Forgive us our denominations and our divisions, which are a spiritual infirmity. We know that unity and reunion will not be attained by schemes of uniform worship and doctrine of our devising, but by Thy Living Presence in the hearts of all, for Thou art not divided.

We do not ask for uniformity, dear Lord, but for conformity, for this alone can bring us into the haven where we would be. We pray Thee to conform us inwardly to Thyself, that we may manifest the life of brothers and sisters in the family of God.

May the song of every heart be inspired by the same Divine Composer, for then we shall be of one heart and one mind and one voice; disease shall be healed, sin shall be abolished, and death shall be no more! Even so, make us one, Lord Jesus; we ask it in Thy Name and to Thy Glory. Amen.

"That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

Blessed Jesus, we pray for a unity that is inward, for a relationship with Thee which must first be formed before we can be united to one another. We therefore yield ourselves to that inward union of the soul with Thee which will manifest itself in a united Christendom.

Dear Master, cleanse Thy Church and prepare all its members for this Divine union with Thee, and reunion with one another. Send Thy Holy Spirit to form us into a body of men and women in whose hearts there is the same Love of God, the same faith in Thee; and use us to heal the world; for Thy sake. Amen.

We open our heart's door, O Jesus, that the Love we have received from Thee may flow out, for the recovery of our lost fellowship; a Love which is the very bond of peace and of all virtues. In Heaven, blessed Master, there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

Dear Lord, sometimes we have wondered if the Church is beyond recovery, if its divisions are beyond healing . . . But we know that nothing is beyond the Love of God. Thou canst recover the faith and fellowship of Thy Church. Thou canst

heal its prejudices, its pride, its divisions, its unbelief. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth." The Spirit gave life to the sick and suffering, and quickened the lame and diseased. Thy Spirit can revive its fellowship.

Thou, our Lord and Master, didst declare Thyself to be the Resurrection and the Life. *O be the Resurrection of Thy Church, we pray.* Amen.

All Who Reject and Sin Against God's Love.

O tender Lover of mankind, forgive us when we sin and know not what we do. When we sin, and know not that we bring the tears to Love's Eyes; when we sin, and know not that we wring Thy Sacred Heart with anguish; when we sin, and know not that the thorns which pierced Thy bleeding Brows were not so sharp, not so wounding as sin's rejection of the Love which gave and ever gives Itself for us. Amen.

For Industry, Commerce, Finance.

Blessed Master, Who didst share the common labours of mankind in the workshop of Nazareth, let Thy Spirit enter into every department of the world's work, industrial, commercial, financial; and hasten the day when we shall all be united in the service of Thy Kingdom and Thy Glory. Amen.

FOR OUR WARDEN.

Breathe on his heart, blessed Saviour, that it may become a furnace of Love; breathe on his mind, that the thoughts of God may spring up within it; breathe on his lips, that they may speak the words which Thou wouldst speak; breathe on his spirit, that it may become the living instrument of Thy Holy Spirit, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, grant him an inward baptism and anointing of Thy Holy Spirit; that he may be sanctified, that he may do Thy works, that Thou mayest be glorified in Thy disciple.

Anoint him with the Holy Ghost and with power, that like Thee he may go about doing good, and healing all who are oppressed of the devil, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

FOR ALL CHURCHES WHERE THE MINISTRY OF HEALING IS EXERCISED.

Bless, O Lord, all Churches where Thou art revealing Thyself as the Healing Saviour (especially .....). Make each one a Shrine of Love, a very Sanctuary of the

Heart of God. Bless those who minister there. May all who enter there become conscious of Thy Presence and Thy peace, and yield themselves to Thee to be their Resurrection and their Life, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

For the Sick.

Holy Saviour, Thou hast taught us that the Father's Will is the healing of every sickness and every disease, the banishment of all sin and evil everywhere. Let Thy Will be done in all for whom we pray, and use us in the service of Thy Kingdom, for Thy Name's Sake. Amen.

(*Intercession for Individual Sufferers.*)

Thine is the Light which shineth all the day:
Thine is the Light which leadeth me Thy way:
Cleansed by Thy Light, and filled with its fire,
Thy Purity becomes my heart's desire.

The Grace.

WEDNESDAY.

"Holy, Holy, Holy; Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high!"

Glorious art Thou in the heavens, O God: and glorious in all the earth.

Thou spreadest the firmament with stars innumerable: Thou scatterest Thy good tidings abroad to every land.

The light telleth of Thy kindness: and the night and morning give strength unto Thy joyful people.

The child of man Thou takest into Thine arms and blessest it: Thou makest the children of mankind Thine own.

The little ones flourish in the light of Thy countenance: and in the light of Thy Presence they grow unto their perfect stature.

How beautiful in fruitfulness is the teaching of Thy Will: how full of contentment the energy of the soul according to virtue.

We will not move from Thy statutes: we will never rebel against the fixity of Thy purpose.

For Thou hast considered all things: Thou hast not called us to life to see naught but death, but to partake of Thy Spirit, to transform the wilderness of confusion, to turn struggle into peaceful comfort.

I love the voice of Thy commandments: I listen ever for the promptings of Thy goodness.

Full of grace are Thy merciful reproofs: very pleasant unto me are the corrections of Thy loving-kindness.

I will always consider Thy holy Word, my actions are open to Thy view: and to fulfil the joy of communion is the life of Love.

Thy religion is a delight and abounding happiness: let all men rejoice together in serving Thee, for in good work is the truest thanksgiving, and in loving-kindness the praise that is better than words.

We will seek Thee early and late: and we will delight our souls in the perfect understanding of Thy Love.

Thou hast delivered us in times of trouble: and set before us the examples of the Saints, and led us in the path of salvation.

Thou hast never ceased to befriend me, Thou hast instantly recalled me when I strayed from Thee; Thou hast illumined the perilous places, and enlightened my understanding in difficult places.

(*Psalms of the West.*)

SILENCE.

For the Children.

Loving Saviour, Thou didst take the children into Thine arms and bless them. We pray that parents everywhere may bring their little ones to Thee, to receive Thy touch, and the blessing of Thy Love; that they may be sheltered in Thine embrace from all the snares of the world, from sin, from selfishness, from evil. Especially we pray for all sick children, all whose little bodies are maimed and broken. Take them in Thine arms and bless them, O Thou Lover of children, and grant them healing, for the sake of Thy tender Love. Amen.

Heavenly Father, raise up within Thy Church holy children, little ones consecrated to Thee from their birth, that through their innocent hearts Thy blessed light may shine, as long ago it shone through the Holy Child, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Expectant Mothers.

O Thou Who didst overshadow the blessed Virgin Mary with Thy Holy Spirit, overshadow all who are soon to become mothers with the same Spirit; that no fear or harm may touch them, and that they may receive their little ones in peace and in joy as a sacred gift from Thy heart of Love; we ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

For Teachers and Schools.

O God our Father, bless the youth of the world, and bless all who have the care of them. May those who are engaged in the education of the young make Christ the foundation stone of all their teachings, that so they may grow up His true disciples; we ask it in His Name and for His sake. Amen.

The Church's Ministry of Healing.

For our Warden.

Blessed Jesus, be Thou in his soul and mind a fount of Inspiration; in his heart a fire of Love; in his body a stream of Life; that so he may pour forth Thy inspired Word, shed abroad Thy burning Love, be

refreshed and invigorated with Thy Divine Life, and impart it to others through the Sacrament of touch, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

O Holy Spirit, use him as Thy instrument to restore God's Love to the world. Use him as a channel through which Thou mayest come, O Spirit of Love, to banish sickness and selfishness and sin, and to bring the Love of God into the hearts of men. Amen.

FOR THE SECRETARIAL STAFF, AND ALL OTHER WORKERS IN THIS MINISTRY.

Blessed Master, Who didst say to those who served Thee, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain," keep us ever mindful of our vocation to do Thy Will, that we may remember that Thou dost first guide and strengthen us in all that is done in Thy Holy Name and never try to do work for Thee in our own power; for Thou hast not made the success of Thy purpose for the world to depend upon our changing human moods but upon the eternal foundation of Thy changeless Love.

Keep full our hearts with Thy Love that we may not be encumbered and thwarted by the standards of the world, where pride exalts one as more important and better than another, and regards some things as menial and other things as worthy of human self-importance, but that we may regard one another as channels of Thy Holy Spirit.

Inspire and use us in all the details of our service and work that all things may work together for the fulfilment of Thy Will.

Give us sympathy, patience, tenderness and efficiency in whatever work may fall to us, and healing to all the suffering and afflicted as we seek to bring them Thy compassion for Thy Holy Name's sake. Amen.

For the Sick.

O Healing Saviour, bless all who are turning to Thee, all who are seeking our prayers, and help us to lead them to the Light. And as we pass on Thy Love to them, dear Lord, grant that they may be blessed, strengthened and healed, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

(Intercession for Individual Sufferers.)

Thine is the Faith which makes my vision
clear:
Thine is the Faith which brings my healing
near:
Strong in Thy Faith and steadfast in Thy
Truth:
I am made new in Thine eternal youth.

THE GRACE.

THURSDAY.

"Thou art He that liveth, and wast dead; and behold! Thou art alive for evermore."

God help me in all my thoughts, and guide me in all my actions.

God be with me in my whole being: and illuminate all my ways.

May my heart be humble in Thy presence: and my words offend not the graciousness of Thy Spirit.

Lowly be the ministry of my powers in Thy service: full of courage and resolution where Thy will is clear.

I have loved Thy law, O God, with a fervent reverence: early and late have I sought to obey Thy desire.

Thou hast filled me with thankfulness and joy: that Thy service is perfect sacrifice.

If Thy path were easy: and a right course full of pleasantness and comforts,

Then had faith been shorn of its beauty: and the labours of love had been turned into surfeit and idleness.

Oh, how glorious is the shame of distress! how strong the honour that receiveth dishonour and scorn!

The noble men of earth have suffered in silence: the upright have borne the storm of the darts of ungodliness.

Yet have they known Thee in their affliction: and their vision hath beheld afar off a brighter abode for men.

Where truth shall be sought without fear: where every soul shall conquer his own infirmities, and rejoice in the multitude of the righteous.

Where the praise of men shall only cause increased sifting of conscience: and the strength of love shall make pride and conceit to perish.

The conflict shall be in the soul of each: and virtue will live, no longer a reproach as in times gone by.

And the flower of humility shall open in brightness: and in kindness the good will be fruitful, and in friendliness there shall be a House of Prayer for all nations.

The seedling groweth strong in piercing the darkness of the earth: but the grown plant findeth vigour in light and rain.

A nation is formed through storm and struggle: but an established kingdom shall be glorious through peace.

The world was shaped by fire and flood: but the command of the future is quietness and order.

In the old time men grew perfect through pain: but in the world to come they shall be purified by praise.

Emulation in good will enlarge the heart: and words of admiration will humble the lofty soul.

In the greatest honour will be the greatest happiness: for the will of heaven will be the chief pursuit.

In the beauty of Thy purpose will all men rejoice: the law of humanity will accord with the wisdom of love.

(*Psalms of the West.*)

SILENCE.

The Sick and Suffering.

O God our Father, Thou hast given us the Vision of spiritual healing in and through the Living Presence of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us that we have lost the Vision for so many generations, and graciously revive it in this our day, for His sake, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Beloved Master, Thou hast called us to make Thee known in the power of Divine Healing to a suffering world, and Thou dost stand before Thy church as the Healing Saviour, saying, Follow Me.

Stir up in us, we pray Thee, the gift of faith. Endow us with Thy Holy Spirit, that with fervour and zeal we may all play our part in this ministry of Love. Humbly we would follow Thee, our Saviour, in obedience to Thy perfect Will. We pray that the world may awaken to the Heavenly Vision, and that it may turn to Thee in the prayer of faith.

Lord, we believe, help Thou our unbelief! Thy Gospel is the Good News of God's Love, that He loves us, that it is His will to heal us and to lift our burdens from us.

Help us to believe that the power of prayer is more mighty than our fears, than our diseases; then how quickly we shall turn to prayer to deliver us from them. We believe that Thou hast all power, all authority, that with Thee nothing is incurable, nothing is hopeless.

Thou art the Risen Christ, Vanquisher of death, and Vanquisher of our infirmities and diseases. We yield all Thy suffering ones to Thee, to receive into their souls and bodies Thy Healing Life; we bring them to Thee that they might have Life, and have it more abundantly, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

For Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Doctors, and Nurses.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all to whom Thou hast given skill and knowledge in the ways of science for the relief and healing of suffering humanity. Bless and prosper their work, and unite them with us in the service of Thy Son, our Healing Saviour. Amen.

FOR OUR WARDEN.

O Risen Christ, Thou hast appointed him to be in Thy Church a witness of Thy Resurrection. Grant to him the fulness of Thy Holy Spirit, that he may witness by his life to Thy triumph over sin and disease and death, that men may know Thee as their Risen, living, all-powerful Saviour; for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

Blessed Jesus, may the Holy Spirit breathe Thy prayers through his soul, Thy Love through his heart, and Thy message through his lips. Make him to abound more and more in faith and in love; increase in him Thy healing grace, that according to Thy promise the sick on whom he lays his hands may recover; we ask it to Thy glory. Amen.

FOR THE HEALING CHURCH MAGAZINE.

Bless our magazine, dear Lord, and send it forth to-day, to be to souls both light and food for their spiritual lives. Enrich the message, make steadfast the Vision; increase its congregation of readers, until it embraces a world fellowship of prayer.

Grant that all it contains may be inspired and written by the Holy Spirit, that being sent forth by Thee, it may accomplish that whereto Thou sendest it, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

For the Sick.

Father, let Thy blessing rest on all for whom we pray. Visit them with Thy Spirit; give them grace to love and trust Thee, open their hearts to receive Thy healing, Thy light, and Thy peace, for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

(*Intercession for Individual Sufferers.*)

Thine is the Life which raiseth from the dead:
Thine is the Life which is our daily bread:
Filled with Thy life, my life shall perfect be:
Love, Faith, and Life: most Holy Trinity.

The Grace.

FRIDAY.

" Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

Lo! the Star hath rested and is still! the meteor of hope which guided us through many lands in doubt and weary waiting hath become a fixed Star, shining with the calm beauty of truth.

In the heaven of love it standeth clear: our feet are shod with new zeal.

We press forward, we are borne in ecstasy to where the never-failing beacon looketh down upon the Son of God.

And behold, we are in the Presence, the air is holy: He hath touched the earth, it is no longer vile.

And shall we approach, who know Him not? Shall we tread where His angels minister? Shall we appear before Him Who commandeth all?

See, the Star is vanished from the height of heaven: and a glory covereth the dwelling-place of the King!

He is not far removed, He is very nigh unto us all; He is not set apart, He is not hedged about with pomp, nor will He send any man away: His mercy is large, His loving-kindness will He spread over the whole earth.

Rejoice then with a whole heart, for only He is joy: offer unto Him your praise, for He offers Himself for you.

Open the gates of your soul to Him who opens heaven for you: have no care in the world which is not His care; leave the world, since for your sake He left His home of Light.

And you will see His works growing to power in peace, and with Him you will walk and hold sweet communion: until by His Love the flinty rocks shall be broken and melted away.

Now shall the inmost soul of man be in His likeness: and the true thought of all generations shall grow towards the Presence of God.

O God, may Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: may our minds be turned

to know and our hearts to feel, that we may behold what is good, and work to attain thereto.

Thy will is life and health, let us fight against sickness and labour for health: Thy will is holiness, let us prepare our souls daily for partaking of Thy goodness.

Thy will is work in saving: let us quietly work to destroy all evil.

Thy will is that our wills may be strong: for if we know Thee the strength of our wills bringeth salvation.

Let us help to do all that is fair and noble: that the face of the earth may smile in the light of Thy countenance.

Let all men comprehend Thy will: that righteousness may flourish more and more, and the whole world come under the constraint of Thy Law of Love.

The world is sown with evil which thwarts Thy will of good: let every man labour to destroy the evil within him and around him, then shall he no more sit repeating that the bad is ordained of Thee.

Love and wisdom shall go forth in Thy Name to bring the evil into subjection: to confound the destructive disease, to convert the evil mind, to transform social iniquity into a law of human loving-kindness.

(*Psalms of the West.*)

SILENCE.

For Mental Sufferers.

Blessed Saviour, we thank Thee for the privilege of praying for those whose minds are darkened and deranged, and who are therefore utterly dependent on our faith and our love.

Thou didst give to Thy followers authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out: and when they failed, Thou didst chide them with their lack of faith. Lord, increase our faith, we humbly pray; that we may carry on Thy work, that we may be able to respond to Thy compassionate Love, Thy longing to help these burdened lives.

Grant us a fresh baptism of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may receive and use with power the authority which Thou hast promised to all who believe in Thee. We ask it, that Thou mayest be glorified, our Saviour and Healer. Amen.

O Light of the world, we bring Thee all who are in the darkness of insanity, that Thy heavenly rays may banish every shadow from their minds. "Before Thy light the clouds remove," and the clouds that are hanging over so many minds to-day are but an absence of Thee. We yield ourselves to be channels of Thy Presence to these suffering ones, that Thou mayest draw near to them and speak God's creative word: "Let there be light!"

Heavenly Father, fill the lives of all those who are in fear and torment with Thy perfect Love, that it may overflow their hearts and comfort their minds. Inspire their thoughts, we pray Thee, and keep them in Thy holy peace. May the radiance of Thy glory shine around them and within them and be their light always. Thine be the glory, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Dear Jesus, we thank Thee for Thy Love, so relentless when attacking the wiles of evil, more tender than a woman's devotion when succouring the poor, the suffering, the lonely and the sad. To the magnetism of that Divine and perfect Love we yield all the mentally afflicted, so lost and so despairing; that it may be their Resurrection into Light and Joy and Peace. We ask it for the sake of Thy great Love. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE ANGELS.

O Everlasting God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that as Thy holy Angels alway do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Lord, Whose coming was foretold and Whose birth was heralded by the Angel messenger, Whose loneliness and temptation was attended by the holy Angels, succouring and strengthening Thee, Whose Resurrection was proclaimed by an Angel, Whose mission and ministry was watched over and assisted by the unseen messengers, the Angels of healing, of light, of peace;

Grant us also the aid, the protection, the companionship and succour of Thy holy Angels, to aid and guide us when we cannot see our way, to protect and defend us

in temptation, to shield us from evil, to be the companions of our service for Thee and to succour us, that like them we may be instantly and joyously obedient to Thy perfect Will, for Thy Holy Name's sake.

The Communion of Saints.

Blessed Lord Who hast vanquished death and drawn us into the fellowship and life of endless Love, we pray for all whom we love, whether they are with us in the pilgrimage of our earthly journey or whether they are beyond the veil of our human senses, for we love them whether they are here or there, realising that neither time nor distance, things seen nor things unseen can change or touch that which partakes of eternal Love.

For our friends who have preceded us and are now in the realm of Thy Kingdom beyond the horizon of our physical sight, we ask that they may be cleansed, that they may outgrow all the infirmities, self-will and disorders which they suffered and contracted in this earthly life, and that they may ever grow in grace, in loveliness, in obedience and in Love itself, until they attain the perfection which comes of complete obedience to Thy holy Will.

We thank Thee for the communion of our loved ones and of all Thy saints and faithful servants who are serving Thee in the Kingdom of Thy Love and as they grow grant us to grow also that we may continue in that blessed communion, ever comforted and ever rejoicing in their fellowship.

Suffer us not to be blinded by selfish grief, suffer us not to be despairing and broken-hearted, suffer us not to be unbelieving, suffer us not to be so selfishly absorbed in our relationship with any other human person as to leave no room for God in our lives, but that all our human loves may be sanctified by Thee and become stepping-stones to the larger life of Thy greater Love through Thy merits, our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

The Church's Ministry of Healing.

FOR OUR WARDEN.

Blessed Saviour, visit all whom he visits; bless all on whom he lays his hands; enlighten all to whom he gives counsel; touch and quicken every heart that comes under the influence of his teaching.

Guide him in every plan he makes, that being inspired and directed in all things by Thy Holy Spirit he may bring forth much fruit to Thy glory. Amen.

Heavenly Father, give Thine angels charge over him, to keep him in all his ways. Let him never be overcome by temptation; in nothing harmed by his adversaries; but let every day be for him a growth in Love and strength and sanctity, a fresh unfolding of Thy plan for his life and ministry; for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

For Healing Missions.

Blessed Lord, our Great Physician, Who art ever moved with compassion, Who didst say to the afflicted and burdened "Come unto Me" and didst lay Thy hands upon all who came and gave them comfort and strength, guide us in these healing missions that we point the sufferers to Thee Who art the Fount of all life and healing, that their bodies and their souls may receive the anointing of Thy touch, Thy Love, Thy Spirit, Thy virtue, to abide in them, to cleanse, comfort, restore and heal them.

Grant to their souls a fresh inflow of Thy Holy Spirit, to inspire and to sanctify them, that they may fully and unconditionally surrender their lives to Thee, to be possessed, guided and used by Thee.

Grant the spirit of Thy Love to all who unite in the mission of healing, that Thy glory may be their first desire and the goal

of their faith, working together for the larger issues of Thy purposes for mankind, even the coming of Thy Kingdom of righteousness and peace throughout the whole world. Only through Thy merits and in Thy Holy Name is our prayer made possible, therefore we ask it through Thee, Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the Sick.

Dear Lord, we bring to Thee the spiritually hungry; those who need Thee to be their Light; those who are in sorrow and in pain.

And we pray that the whole world may take Thee for its healing, and may claim Thee as its King.

(*Intercession for Individual Sufferers.*)

Love of Jesus, burn and glow;
Flame and flare where'er I go:
Forgive my sin, heal my disease:
Fill me with Love, I ask Thee, please.

The Grace.

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